

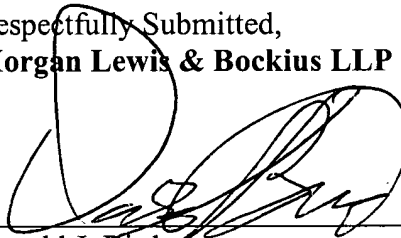


Should a first Action on the merits have been issued on the same day as or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account under Order No. 056291/5038 and proceed to consider this IDS.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith filed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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